



VOLUNTEER VOICE

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A TIP OF THE VOLUNTEER HAT

Officer **Joe Robinson** (Citizen Patrol Training), **Rebecca Simcox** for the wonderful Volunteer Dinner decorations, and all the Blue Elf participants from wrapping to delivering. Special thanks to Santa (Volunteer **Doug DeWitt**), Volunteer Photographers **Sharyn Dana** and **Kathy**



COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Rose Marie Lane, Police Program Coordinator

Please welcome **Lt. Vance Hardin** who is now in our chain of command and in charge of the Training Unit.

Please accept my thanks for contributions you have made in the past. I look forward to working with you this year and exceeding our accomplishments of 2006.

A few changes have occurred within our Program most notable with our Citizen Patrol Unit. Officer **Joe Robinson** is now



the Field Training Liaison Officer. The Field Training Volunteer Manual has been revised and has gone up the chain of command for final approval. Initial training will be a minimum of eighty-four hours, forty with a seasoned volunteer, forty with a patrol officer and four hours in Communications with additional

training on a continuous basis. Volunteers who have completed this training will be proficient in the following areas which will include, but not limited, to traffic control, issuance of citations, report writing, crime scene photos and prints. **To be part of the Citizen Patrol Unit, volunteers must be able to attend and testify in court.**

For those of you who wish to remain in a mobile assignment, you have options of Parking Enforcement and Community Watch Patrol.

Be reminded; only issued uniform attire is to be worn unless you are in a plain clothes assignment, all mobile assignments require a partner and time sheets are to be turned in to me by the 10th of the subsequent month.

Our program now has seventy-six active members all of whom are equally important. It is imperative everyone realize the needs of the Department come before that of the individual. I will make every effort to make sure your assignment fits your desires and abilities. Should you need a change in assignment or feel you are unable to meet the commitment requirements, please contact me at 353-7187.

Peters, Volunteer **Jack Yost** who continues to have us written into the Uptown Kiwanis Club budget and Volunteer **Lois Putnam** who found a partner for Blue Elf in the Riverside Optimist Club.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Magnolia Station: Pawn Slip Entering – Multiple Computer Screens (0800-1700, Monday-Friday)

Magnolia Station – Building Tours (usually during normal business hours)

Orange Street Station – Information Desk (0800-1700, Monday – Friday)

Home Based - YANA (You Are Not Alone). Make calls from your home or a NPC.

Continuous Requests - Yarn to make lap blankets for our Vets in our Operation Smiles Program and greeting cards for the Letters Home Program.

ORANGE STREET CONNECTION

By Darlean Mathews

Hello everyone, greetings from the Riverside Police Department Orange Street Station. I have been volunteering once a week for three years at this station, performing clerical duties with the RPD Citizens Academy classes and most recently providing clerical and administrative assistance to Police Administrative Specialist Carol Ristow in the Support Services Division at Orange Street.



I was born and raised in Riverside, but many years ago, while living in San Francisco and employed as a flight attendant with United Airlines, I experienced several emergency, life-threatening situations during the performance of my job duties. Some of these situations called for police officer and/or law enforcement's official involvement where our airline crews were given assistance and support by

them. Those experiences and many others since then (personal and also with later jobs) caused me to develop a huge respect and admiration for the work that the police department and law enforcement agencies perform.

For these reasons, I decided long ago that when it came time for me to retire (December, 2002), I would like to offer my time and services as a citizen volunteer for the Riverside Police Department. I felt that by combining my professional and personal experiences, I could offer the qualities of integrity, discretion and dedication with the ability and desire to interact as a team player for the Riverside Police Department.

I graduated from the Riverside Police Department's Citizen Academy Program with class #17 in March 2003. Although I've always had a healthy respect for law enforcement, after attending all of the academy classes, I gained a whole new insight into the problems and challenges our officers must face every single day in serving and protecting the citizens of Riverside.

I feel that volunteering is my way of demonstrating my appreciation, respect and admiration for the many good acts and deeds I've seen performed by police officers in Riverside and all over our nation. This way too, I can "give back" a lot of good that has been given to me over the years with law enforcement.

I must take this moment to say that every single time I come in, I have always been welcomed and treated with such respect and I am grateful for that and "appreciate being appreciated!" I am so glad that the RPD has a need for volunteers, because working with them has been a true joy and reward in knowing that my contributions have made a difference.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH COURT

By Teddy McPhee V049

Riverside Youth Court, an innovative approach to juvenile crime, is a growing program that is having a positive impact on the whole community, according to coordinator Officer Robert Tiptre. It is designed to give first time offenders of misdemeanor crimes the opportunity to be judged by their peers and to educate youth about the juvenile justice system. A strong feature is the emphasis on accountability for crimes committed.

Offenses covered include theft related crimes, tobacco or marijuana use, shoplifting, trespassing, fighting, and disturbing the peace. Police reports covering these crimes are sent to Officer Tiptre. If he determines that all the criteria are met, the program is offered to the youth called the "respondent." The respondent must admit guilt and sign a contract agreeing to participate and the parents must sign consent.

In the more severe cases, such as battery, use of weapons, or marijuana, the respondent is assigned a defense attorney and a prosecuting attorney. The case will be heard by an adult judge. Youth attorneys are mentored by adult attorneys who volunteer their time and skills for Youth Court. A peer jury hears the case and imposes what it determines to be a fair disposition for the respondent.

Less severe cases are heard by a peer jury instead of attorneys. Members of the jury are given the facts of the case in advance; each juror may question the respondent directly. When questioning is completed, the jury deliberates and renders a verdict.

Consensus reached by the peer jury includes both mandatory and optional forms of punishment, all geared to accountability and education. Mandatory penalties include from four to forty hours of community service and peer jury



Officer **Robert Tiptre** has been coordinator of the Riverside Youth Court since January, 2006. A member of the Riverside Police Department for 11 1/2 years,

Officer Tiptre served on the SWAT team, as a canine officer, on patrol, and as School Resource Officer in the Alvord School District. An active person, he wasn't sure that a desk job would suit him; however, he is totally committed to this program. He says that, like all public servants, he wanted to make a positive impact on the community and this is doing just that.

Officer Tiptre grew up in Corona and served in the U.S. Marines. While a Marine Reservist, he applied to one police department, RPD. He is married and has four children. His family lives with his retired police dog and a rescue dog.

service on two to six trials. Additional penalties may include jail tours, letters of apology, essays, educational workshops and/or videos, restitution, either individual or family counseling, curfews, and school attendance monitoring. Emphasis is on "restorative justice," which attempts to make the punishment fit the crime. For instance, a shoplifter might be required to make restitution and also make a face-to-face apology or write a letter of apology. Officer Tiptre noted that youth respondents often ask to participate as a volunteer member after their mandatory service.

Currently, over 150 youth volunteer, recruited through the Mayor's Juvenile Advisory Committee or referred by school personnel are serving as jurors, attorneys and court clerks. The youth volunteers are trained in courtroom procedures, deliberation techniques, and restora-

Traffic Safety Fair

By Salley Fuller V017

There's nothing quite like 'hanging out with the kids' to make you feel young! Such was the day of October 7th at the Traffic Safety Fair at Castle Park.

It started out like most of my Saturdays....I work 16 hour days during the week and I wasn't through sleeping when my alarm clock belched out it's wretched recruitment call to those of us minding our own business. That clock has bounced off more walls...but that's another story. I never hit the snooze button; I can't be trusted. I resentfully got out of bed and completed my morning rituals and negotiated driving rights for our sole vehicle...and lost.

My son dropped me off in time to help set up the tables and supplies, meet some of the other RPD volunteers, as well as the youth who would be assisting with the exhibits. It goes without saying, RPD staff are always courteous and helpful, but the cockles of my heart were warmed by the young people from LAPS of North High, one of the groups assisting at the fair. They were respectful, eager to help, accepted suggestions with the intended-spirit, and were a delight to work with overall. That renewed my hope since these folks are the likely age of those who'll be feeding me my oatmeal in 'the home', according to my calculations. That's a relief!

I worked in the finger-printing exhibit and what a fun assignment. We each had ink on our hands and most everything we touched most of the day; ran out of 'wipes' but never 'smiles'. The little 'customers' were a delight, and, as an extra bonus, I was rewarded with the thought that maybe I might have played a small role in justice in the event that some baby went missing and was found because of fingerprints on file.

There was food for the volunteers, a live D.J.

playing all the oldies; on my break I ate and showed off my best moves. It was a terrific day where my stomach and my soul were nourished. I'm so grateful I didn't listen when I tried to talk me out of working the fair. I'll be there next time too.

Youth Court

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tive justice. Training is provided by adult volunteers including attorneys and personnel from RPD and the Riverside and Alvord school districts. Officer Tiptre says that community involvement has "been incredible," citing that he gets calls from attorneys, judges, and school personnel asking to volunteer.

Originally designed to deal only with misdemeanors, the Riverside Youth Court currently has one felony case on its docket and is looking into doing more. Officer Tiptre is also working toward including truancy cases. He points out that those cases currently go to Traffic Court where the resolution is most often a fine paid by parents, giving the student no accountability. He would prefer to make the youths accountable for their own actions, which could be done in Youth Court.

How effective is Youth Court? Since the program began, over 200 cases have been heard. Of those, 18 kids have failed, meaning they have repeated their crime or crimes. Parents, as well as, youth have been positive in their responses and support. Parents call to thank the adults involved, saying there is improved behavior both at home and at school, kids have quit "hanging" with the wrong crowd, and are in general more respectful.

Youth Court is held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Each session includes one trial with an adult judge and three peer trials.

DAYS GONE BY

By Sharyn Dana V014

In the last few months I have spent some time cleaning out my old personal files and pictures. As time and space permits, I will share a few of these items with you.

The following article is a reprint from the "Police Beat", Oct 1972 This was the RPOA newsletter at that time.

Message From the President

by J.K.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

J.K. Smith B. Reiser

W. Duncan J. Williston

R. Savory A. Brown

T. Osborne M. Feinstein

Minutes of the last meeting were read by J.K. Smith and approved by the General Membership. Treasurer's report made by J. Williston and approved by same. A total of twenty members were present for the meeting. R. Savory gave his report on the upcoming

Christianson-Teel Award Dinner to be held on September 29 at the Dunes at 1930 hours. Price of the dinners to be \$5.95 a plate. J.K. Smith advised that J. Laird would be assuming the duties as editor of the association news paper. J.K. Smith stated that it was his intention to have the association operate on a budget in the coming year and not use an attorney in the next year's negotiations. He also wished total membership involvement and voiced the possibility of involvement with RSO and CHP associations. M. Feinstein questioned the need of remaining with PORAC. R. Savory advised he would have a PORAC representative at an association meeting in the future to discuss this matter. M. Wilson discussed the need of having one officer from each platoon appointed to attend each meeting as a line of communication back to his respective platoon. Meeting adjourned at 1630 hours.

VOLUNTEER STATS

Handicap Parking Citations for the months of:

Oct	Nov	Dec	
3	2	3	Handicap parking

Volunteer hours recorded.

Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly Total
850	707.75	736.25	9013.70

2006 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for 2006 Riverside Police Department Volunteer of the Year will be taken until Thursday, March 1, 2007. You may do this via telephone (353-7187) or email rlane@riversideca.gov, please give specific examples as to why this individual should be the Volunteer of the Year for 2006.

SAVE THE DATE

The Riverside Optimist Club will be hosting an all-you-can-eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, **Saturday, March 3, 2007**, at the YMCA (4020 Jefferson), from 0700-1200, for the suggested donation of \$5.00 per ticket per person. Half of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Blue Elf Program. Call Rosie at 353-7187 to purchase your tickets.



Saturday, April 14, 2007, for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, 11:30 – 1:30, Fairmount Park Boathouse.

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life but by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

AS MAGNOLIA BLOSSOMS

By Sharyn Dana VI4



A new exhibit is now on display in the Community Room. The theme is animals.

The current photographs are the work of photographic artists who are members of the Riverside Art Museum's "Photo Artist Network."

This exhibit will run until approximately March 2007.

If you have any suggestions or comments or if you are interested in purchasing any of the photos in the current exhibit, you can contact me at:

sharyndana@yahoo.com

BLUE ELVES

By Sharyn Dana VI4



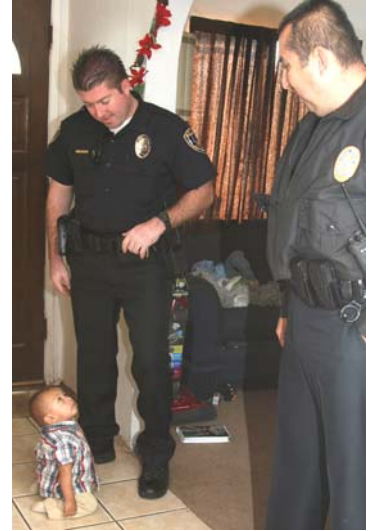
Blue Elves once again was a huge success. Deliveries to the low income preschools were accomplished in 4 days. Two adopted families also had happier holidays thanks to RPD personnel, Rosie's volunteers and some very special ladies who provided many handmade, child-size quilts. There is no way to thank each and every person who takes such a personal interest in this project. However as with most of our projects, thanks are not necessary; seeing the appreciation in the eyes of the recipients is reward enough.

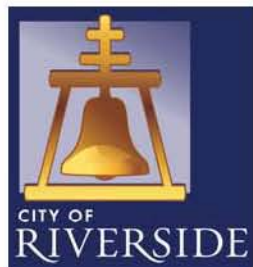


More Blue Elf Photos

By Sharyn Dana V#14

I wish I could post photos of everyone who helped this year, but time and space does not permit. If you have requests for photos from a particular school or area, let me or Rosie know. I have put the photos on CDs and they are with Volunteer Services, Magnolia Station.





Riverside Police Department
and
Janet Goeske Center



4th Annual Senior Conference

The Riverside Police Department and Janet Goeske Center are sponsoring a conference targeting senior citizen concerns and issues. Information will be available on crime prevention, health, safety and other senior topics.



To reserve your seat, contact Nancy Castillo at
(951) 826-5674 or email at ncast@riversideca.gov



*The conference is for anyone interested in
senior issues.*

*Opportunity
Drawings*



*Pass this flier on to
a friend.*

*Bring a friend to the
conference*

Some of the presentations
include:

- Fraud and scams targeting seniors
- RPD Canine Officer
- More Speakers to be announced

**Janet Goeske Center
5257 Sierra Ave.
Riverside, CA
Wednesday
March 21, 2007
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by March 12th.
(A donation of \$3.00 for those over 62 years would be appreciated.
For those under 62 years, cost of lunch is \$5.50.)